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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TWB-204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of oral ex parte communication, Joint Application by BellSouth Corporation, et al., for Provision of In-Region, InterLATA Services in Georgia and Louisiana, CC Docket No. 01-277

Dear Ms. Salas:

On December 17, 2001, James W. Cicconi, General Counsel and Executive Vice-President of AT&T, spoke with Commissioner Kevin Martin regarding the above-referenced matter. During the conversation, Mr. Cicconi discussed AT&T's Opposition to BellSouth's GA/LA Application, pointing out that BellSouth's systems and processes continue to be plagued with problems, that BellSouth has not met the 271 standards articulated by the Commission in prior applications and that, because Georgia is BellSouth's first 271 state, it is critically important that the Commission ensure that BellSouth's systems are fully operational and capable of supporting meaningful competitive activity before 271 relief is granted.

Consistent with Commission rules, I am filing one electronic copy of this notice and request that you place it in the record of the proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JM" followed by a long horizontal line.

Joan Marsh

cc: Monica Desai

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